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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

With the freſheſt ADVICES, FOREIGN *and* DOMESTIC.

BOURDEAUX, May 27.

A FLEET of ten or twelve Ships, with Recruits and Stores, will, in a few Weeks be ready to ſail from this Port to our Weſtern Colonies; we expect alſo a Convoy from Breſt to accompany theſe Veſſels to the Caribbees.

Paris, June 2. The following is the Sentence paſſed upon Lewis Mandrin, on the 24th of May, and executed on the 26th:

We the Commiſſioners, &c. have declared Lewis Mandrin, a Native of Dauphiny, duly convicted of having carried on a Contraband Trade, in an unlawful Aſſembly, and by Force of Arms, during the two Years that he has been obliged to leave his Place of Abode, on Account of his having counterfeited the Coin, and committed Murder; and particularly for having been the Chief of a Gang of eleven or twelve Smugglers, &c. For the Reparation of which, and the other Crimes proved againſt him, we have condemned the ſaid Lewis Mandrin to be delivered to the Executioner of Juſtice, to be ſtripp'd to his Shirt, with a Rope about his Neck, and a Writing affixed to him, containing theſe Words in large Characters, 'The Chief of Smugglers, of Criminals, guilty of High-Treaſon, 'of Aſſaſſins, Robbers, and Diſturbers of the Public Peace,' holding in his Hand a lighted Wax Candle of the Weight of Two Pounds, before the Cathedral Church of Valence, in Dauphiny, where the ſaid Mandrin, bare-headed and kneeling, ſhall declare with a loud Voice, that he begs Pardon of God, of the King, and of the Officers of Juſtice, for all the Crimes and Villainies by him committed. He ſhall then be taken to the Place of Execution, and there have his Arms, Legs, Thighs, and Back broken while alive, on a Scaffold prepared for that Purpoſe, and at length be put on a Wheel with his Face turned towards Heaven, where he is to end his Life. After which, his dead Body ſhall by the Executioner be expoſed on the Gibbet of that City. Previouſly to this, the ſaid Mandrin ſhall be put to the Queſtion ordinary and extraordinary by Torture, in order to obtain from his own Mouth the Truth of the Facts mentioned in his Trial, together with the Diſcovery of his Accomplices. We alſo hereby declare all and each of his Goods confiſcated to the King, &c.

Hanover, June 4. The King, notwithſtanding his advanced Age, is every Morning up very early. His Majeſty chuſing to ſacrifice his own Repoſe to that of Europe, is inceſſantly employed in endeavouring to preſerve the Tranquillity which it at preſent enjoys.

We are generally of Opinion here, that the King, during his Stay in this Country, will ſee ſeveral important Affairs determined, particularly that concerning his Pretenſions to Eaſt-Frieſland, the Marriage of the Prince of Wales with the eldeſt Princeſs of Wolfenbuttel, and the Election of a King of the Romans.

Nantz, June 1. The Court has lately ſent Orders to the Governor of Martinico, and to thoſe of the other Iſlands and French Colonies in America, to arm all the Ships that can be ſpared out of Trade, and to cauſe them to cruize about thoſe Iſlands, in order to ſecure them from any Surprize on the Part of the Engliſh.

Amſterdam Gazette, London, July 16. It is ſaid the Government have delivered to all the foreign Miniſters Reaſons for ſending a Britiſh Squadron to the Weſt-Indies; to which Piece are annexed, Memorials and Papers ſerving to prove the Extent of Britain's Poſſeſſion in North America, as well as the Irregularity of the Steps taken by the French in that Part of the World.

LONDON,

June 12. Laſt Friday a French Family was ſeized by his Majeſty's Meſſengers at Horſleydown, on Board a French Trader, bound for Dunkirk, and ſeveral Letters of a very bad Tendency were found ſecreted in a Box on Board the ſaid Veſſel, which were ſealed up in Order to be examined; and all the Parties taken into ſafe Cuſtody by the Secretary of State's Warrant, on a violent Suſpicion of High-Treaſon.

June 14. We hear that ſeveral more Men of War will be ſpeedily ſent to America.

Yeſterday 6000 Ounces of Silver Coin were ſhipped for Virginia:

June 17. One of the Perſons ſeized laſt Week at Horſleydown, on Board a French Trader under Sail for Dunkirk, is Capt. James Menzie, who had a Command in the late Rebellion under old Gordon of Glenbucket.

June 19. We hear that in caſe the French ſhould, as reported, fit out Privateers and Letters of Mart Ships in America, to cruize on Engliſh Merchant-Ships, the like will be done on the Part of the Engliſh: In the mean Time it is much queſtioned, whether ſuch Proceedings will not be looked upon as open Hoſtilities, and occaſion a Rupture between the principal Powers concerned in the Treaty concluded at Aix-la-Chapelle.

Monday Night arrived an Expreſs from Hanover, with Diſpatches of the Utmoſt Importance, relating to the preſent Situation of Public Affairs.

CHARLES-TOWN, July 31.

HIS Excellency the Governor having, by the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, yeilded to the preſſing Inſtances of the Cherokees, to meet them at a Place 200 Miles diſtant from hence, ſet out on that Expedition on Monday the 16th of June, and returned on Thurſday the 9th Inſtant.

The Head-men who were ſent hither to ſollicit this Favor alledged, that at the Meeting, they propoſed to conſult him about ſeveral Affairs, of great Importance to their Nation; that they wanted his Advice, how to ſecure their Towns againſt the Attempts of their Enemies, who were very numerous, and very much exaſperated at the Cherokee's refuſing to join them in a War againſt Carolina; that the Head-man of Chotte, who beſt knew the Affairs of their Nation, and who only had a Right to ſettle them, was old, and having been wounded when young, had never been able to come to Charles-Town, but had ordered them to ſay, that if his Excellency would condeſcend to go Half-way, he would be carried on his People's Backs to meet him: And at the ſame Time they delivered a String of Wampum from their Chief, whom they called their Governor, telling his Excellency, that one End of it was held by him at Chotte, and if he would lay hold of the other End of it, the two Governors might draw one another till they ſhould meet in the Middle: They added, that by their frequent Journies to Charles-Town, they had loſt Numbers of their People, that they often fell ſick when there, and many died on their Way Home, leaving their Bones upon the Path.

Theſe were the Reaſons urged by the Cherokees to induce the Governor to undertake that Journey: And as, by refuſing their Requeſt, their Affections might be cooled, at a Time when it was highly neceſſary to animate their Zeal, and, if poſſible, attach them inviolably to the Engliſh Intereſt, and procure from them a more explicit Declaration againſt the French than ever they had hitherto made: And as much depended upon keeping them in good Humor, much upon the preſent Opportunity, and much on Diſpatch; his Excellency agreed to meet them, notwithſtanding the exceſſive Heat of the Seaſon, and the ill State of his Health.

The Cherokees have not, like ſome other Indian Nations or Tribes, wandered and moved from Place to Place, but inhabited the Lands where they ſtill dwell long before the Diſcovery of America. They have no Tradition, that they came originally from any other Country, but affirm, that their Anceſtors came out of the Ground where they now live. It is a Tract about 150 Miles in length, extremely mountainous, but abounding with rich and fertile Vallies. Theſe Mountains render the interior Parts of the Country, called the Middle Settlements, ſecure from Enemies, being naturally impregnable; but the out Towns, and all the over Hills Towns, lie open and expoſed to the French and their Indians, againſt whom the Cherokees are the beſt Barrier of this Province; for which Reaſon, and becauſe they are of themſelves a numerous and powerful People, and very near our back Settlements, it has always been the Policy of this Government, to cultivate a good Underſtanding and Friendſhip with them; perhaps we have done it the more aſſiduouſly, as the French have been incredibly eager of late Years to get ſome Footing and ſecure an Intereſt amongſt them.

But tho' the Tract inhabited by them be no more than 150 Miles in Length, yet the Lands that are their undoubted Property, are of a prodigious Extent; they reach from our back Settlements quite to the Miſſiſippi, on both Sides of Tenneſee River, that is, from Eaſt to Weſt 800 Miles: Tenneſee River, called by Pere Charlevoix Riviere des Cheraquis, has its Source amongſt their Mountains, and moſt of the over Hills Towns are built upon its Banks, after it leaves Toquo, the weſtermoſt of the Cherokee Towns, it directs its Courſe to the Miſſiſippi, running all the Way, for 600 Miles, thro' one of the fineſt Countries in America, which is their hunting Ground, and to no Part of which any other Nation ever pretended any Right or Claim; but a little before it reaches the Miſſiſippi, it mixes its Waters with the Ohio; and theſe three great Rivers, Ouabach, Ohio, and Tenneſee, fall by one Mouth into the Miſſiſippi, ſo that a ſtrong Fortreſs built upon the Cherokee Lands, on the South Side of the united Stream of theſe three Rivers, would prevent all Veſſels from going down or up either Ouabach, Ohio, or Tenneſee, a ſingle Canoe could not paſs without Leave.

They alſo claim all the Lands to the Northward as far as the great Lakes; and it is to be obſerved, that at the Treaty of Lancaſter made with the Six Nations, under the Direction of Governor Thomas, in 1744, the Commiſſioners from Virginia, who were treating with them, for ſome Lands to the Weſtward of Pennſylvania and Maryland, told them that they were informed that the Southern Indians (Cheokees) claimed thoſe very Lands that they did, which the Six Nations did not contradict.

The Cherokees are computed to be three Times the Number of the Six Nations put together; they are a free and independent People, were never conquered, never relinquiſhed their Poſſeſſions, never ſold them, never ſurrendered or ceded them.

It would, no Doubt, be entertaining to our Readers, could we acquaint them with all that paſſed at the ſeveral Conferences betwixt the Governor and them, on this Occaſion, which laſted ſix or ſeven Days, as theſe Conferences were not only very intereſting to this Province, but all his Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent: But, at preſent, we can only lay before them the Conferences of the ſecond of July, being the ſixth Day.

Cannacaughte of Chotte, the Head of the Nation, having the preceeding Day ſummoned a Council in his Camp, of all the Head-men,

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acquainted them, that as the Buſineſs to be tranſacted the enſuing Day was of great Importance, it was proper that ſome Perſon ſhould be appointed who might do it with Diſtinctneſs, and in a Way ſuitable to the Solemnity of the Act to be done; that he himſelf had never been accuſtomed to ſpeak to white People; beſides, that he now grew old, and perceived that he was ſtill diſordered by the Fatigue of his Journey, and could not do either to his own Satisfaction or the Credit of his Country; he therefore propoſed, that ſome fit Perſon ſhould be immdiately named, and accordingly Chulochcullah was unanimouſly elected, and received Inſtructions how to behave, and what to ſay: The ſame Day, he waited on the Governor, and acquainted him with his Appointment, and that he would punctually follow the Inſtructions he had received; adding, that tho' it might be improper to mention what they were, yet that he might go ſo far as to aſſure him, that what he had in Charge would not be diſagreeable to the Engliſh, and therfore he wiſhed his Excellency would prevent any of them from going away.

On Wedneſday July 2d Cannacaughte the Chief, and the other Indians, arrived from their Camp, which lay at three Miles Diſtance, and were received by the Governor as uſual; and his Excellency and Cannacaughte being ſeated under an Arbor, all the Head-men and Head-warriors were placed on Benches fronting them, the other Warriors and Indians (to the Number of 506) ſitting all around on the Ground under the Trees, Chulochcullah, the Speaker, roſe up, and, holding a Bow in one Hand, and a Shaft of Arrows in the other, he delivered himſelf in the following Words, with all the Diſtinctneſs imaginable, with the Dignity and graceful Action of a Roman or Grecian Orator, and with all their Eaſe and Eloquence.

"What I am now to ſpeak, our Father the great King George ſhall hear. We are now Brothers with the People of Carolina, and one Houſe covers us all: The Great King is our common Father. (At this Time a little Indian Child was brought to him, whom he preſented to the Governor with theſe Words.) We, our Wives, and all our Children, are the Children of the Great King George, and his Subjects; he is our King, our Head, and Father, and we will obey him as ſuch. I bring this litle Child, that, when he grows up, he may remember what is now agreed to, and that he may tell it to the next Generation, that ſo it may be handed down from one Generation to another for ever."

The Indian then opening a ſmall Leather Bag, in which was contained ſome Earth, laid the ſame at his Excellency's Feet, adding, "That they gave all their Lands to the King of Great-Britain; and as a Token of it, they deſired, that this Parcel of Earth might be ſent to the King, for they acknowledge him to be the Owner of all their Lands and Waters." His Excellency accepted the ſame, and promiſed that it ſhould be ſent to him.

The Indian then opened another ſmall Bag of Leather, filled with parched-Corn Flour, and ſaid, "That as a Teſtimony, that they had not only delivered their Lands, but all that belonged to them, to be the King's Property, they gave the Governor what was contained in that ſmall Bag, deſiring, that it might be ſent alſo to the Great King George." The Governor accepted of it, and promiſed, that it ſhould be conveyed to the King.

The Indian then delivering a Bow and Arrows to the Governor, in Token of their Obedience, deſired, "That he would acquaint the King their Father, that there was little or nothing that they could make: The Bow and Arrows which they delivered to be laid at the Great King's Feet, were all the Arms that they could make for their Defence; they therefore hoped, that he would pity the Condition of his Chidren, and ſend them Arms and Ammunition, to defend them againſt his and their Enemies, and they hoped, that their elder Brother, the Governor, would ſoon acquaint their Father with it."

They begged, "That the Governor would let the King know, that the French want the Lands which they have now given their Father; that they imagine the French have but bad Lands, that they ſo greatly want their Lands; but that they will fight for them, till they loſe their Lives in their Defence: They deſired the Governor, and all who attended on him, to think on what they ſay, that they will fight for their Lands, now their Father's, while one of them is alive; that ſome of them intend to go out to War ſoon, againſt King George's Enemies; if they die, no doubt the Engliſh will lament the Loſs of ſo many Brothers; if they get the Victory, and return in Safety, no doubt they will then rejoice with them." The Governor aſſured them, that the Bow and Arrows ſhould be laid at his Majeſty's Feet, and that he would acquaint him with what they had now ſaid.

The Indian then taking out ſome Strings of white Wampum, delivered the ſame to the Governor, in Confirmation of all that had paſſed, and ſaid, "That their Speech was now near an End; that tho' he had delivered it, and was the Mouth of the Nation, yet, that every Word he had ſpoken, and all that he had done, had been agreed upon at a general Meeting and Conſultation of the Head-men; that he delivered it in their Preſence and Hearing; and he hoped, that he had executed the Truſt that they had repoſed in him, to their Satisfaction." To which they unanimouſly, and with one Voice, aſſented.

The Indian then added, "That the new Governor of Carolina and the Head-men of Chotte were both preſent, he hoped, the Governor of Carolina would ſoon let the Great King know all that had paſſed; and that the Head-men of Chotte ſhould let all the Cherokees know, that every Thing that had now paſſed muſt be performed, and that it muſt remain for ever."

His Excellency the Governor, in a Speech to the Indians, acquainted them, "That all that had paſſed at the ſeveral Conferences, particularly at this preſent one, gave him and his People ſingular Satisfaction; that he was ſure, that their other Brothers, in this Part of the World, and in England, would rejoice at it; and that he did not doubt, but that it would give great Pleaſure to the Great King George, their Father. That, in his Name, he accepted of what they had delivered to him at this preſent Conference, and promiſed, that they ſhould be ſoon ſent: And, as they had delivered theſe Things to him, and a String of Wampum in Confirmatiou of the Talk and of the preſent Tranſactions, he would, on the King's Part, deliver to them ſome Goods which he had brought along with him."

The Indian then ſaid, "That there was but one Thing more that they deſired; that as Indians could not write, their Elder Brother, the Governor, ſhould take the Touble to put all that had paſſed between them into Writing, that it might be read in their Hearing, that the Head-men might put their Marks to it; and that he the Governor, and they with him, might do the ſame; and that it might be ſent by him to their Father, to be kept for ever." The Governor promiſed it ſhould be done, and that he would order the Great Seal of the Province to be affixed to it.

We hear, that laſt Sunday Night, the Houſe of Mr. John Raven, on John's Iſland, was ſtruck with Lightning, altho' it had an electrical Rod fixed to one of the Chimnies, but the Houſe itſelf received no Damage from the Exploſion. This Accident, inſtead of invalidating the Uſe of Points for ſecuring Houſes againſt the Effects of Lightning, is a plain Proof of their Utility, and convinces us, that they do attract it, when the Atmoſphere of an electrified Cloud comes within the Sphere of their Action; and it is probable in this very Inſtance, that the Houſe was thereby ſaved from greater Deſtruction, as the Force of the Shock was diverted to the Outſide of it: But we are convinced likewiſe, by this, of an Error in the Conſtruction of our Conductors, many Perſons depending on ſingle Wires for this Purpoſe, and thoſe very ſmall ones. This was the Caſe of Mr. Raven's, which conſiſted only of a ſingle Braſs Wire, about the Thickneſs of a large Pack-Thread, which was not ſubſtantial enough to conduct the vaſt Flow of electrical Fluid that entered thro' the Points, which paſſed along the Iron Bar without any Accident, until it came to the Wire, which it melted into many Pieces. The Conductor being thereby deſtroyed, the Lightning paſſed thro' the Outſide of the Chimney in the Fire Place within, where ſtood three Fowling-Pieces, running along the Barrels of which, it ſplit their Stocks and then entered the Earth without doing more Hurt. The ingenious Mr. *Franklin*, who firſt diſcovered that Lightning and the electrical Fluid were the ſame, was aware of the Inſufficiency of ſlender Conductors, (for if, with a ſmall Bottle, the Leaf of any Metal may be melted, he concluded that a ſlender Wire was not to be depended on, for carrying off that vaſt Flow which a Cloud of a very extenſive Surface might afford,) and therefore adviſed, that a ſubſtantial Rod of Iron ſhould be continued from the Bar which ſupported the Points, into the Earth, which Amendment ought to be made by thoſe who have not already ſuch Rods, and more eſpecially in the Country, where it may be ſuppoſed the Lightning will act with more Force than in Town where ſo many Points are erected, each of which may help to rob the Cloud of ſome Part of its Electricity as it paſſes over.

PHILADELPHIA, Auguſt 28.

The Remainder of the Meſſages which paſſed between the Governor and Aſſembly, relating to the Bill for grating Fifty Thouſand Pounds for the King's Uſe.

A MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

Gentlemen,

HAVING amended the Bill for raiſing Fifty Thouſand Pounds, and not being yet ſatisfied that it is in my Power, or conſiſtent with my Truſt, to paſs it without thoſe Amendments, whatever I may be, when I hear what you propoſe to ſay to me upon the Head, I think it neceſſary, in Anſwer to your Meſſage of Yeſterday, to inform you, that I do adhere to the Amendments made by me to the ſaid Bill.

Auguſt 14, 1755. ROBERT HUNTER MORRIS.

In Aſſembly, the Twenty firſt of the Eighth Month, *called* Auguſt, 1755, *A. M.*

Ordered, That Evan Morgan, William Callender, Mahlon Kirkbrige, George Aſhbridge, James Wright, David M'Conaughty, and Moſes Starr, wait upon the Goveruor with the following Meſſage, viz.

"The Houſe met on the Twenty third Day of laſt Month, on the Governor's Summons, in an Affair of the higheſt Conſequence to the Welfare of this Province, and the other Colonies on the Continent of North-America. We conſidered the Importance of the preſent Situation of our Affairs, and ſent up a Bill to the Governor for granting Fifty Thouſand Pounds for the King's Uſe. This Bill has been repeatedly under his Conſideration ever ſince the Second Inſtant, ſo that he muſt be fully acquainted with the Bill, and his own Sentiments upon it; we therefore earneſtly requeſt, that he would now give us a poſitive Anſwer, whether he will or will not aſſent to the Bill as it lies before him."

Eodem Die, P. M.

A Meſſage from the Governor by the Secretary.

SIR,

"The Governor having by Meſſage of the Fourteenth Inſtant informed "you, That he did not think it conſiſtent with his Power or Truſt to paſs "the Bill for raiſing Fifty Thouſand Pounds, without the Amendments "he had made to it, and that he adhered to thoſe Amendments, is ſurprized at your Meſſage of this Day, to which he can only ſay, That "he thinks it his Duty to adhere ſtill to the Amendments he made to "that Bill."

A MESSAGE from the Aſſembly *to the* Governor.

May it pleaſe the Governor,

THE Governor was pleaſed, in his Meſſage of the Fourteenth Inſtant, to tell us, that "he was not yet ſatisfied it was in his Power, "or conſiſtent with his Truſt, to paſs our Bill without his Amendments, "whatever he might be when he heard what we propoſed to ſay to him "on that Head;" and we underſtood thoſe Words to expreſs a Suſpenſion of his Determination for that Time. We ſince ſent him a long Meſſage, containing the Reaſons of our Judgement, that it was both in his Power and conſiſtent with his Truſt to paſs the Bill without thoſe Amendments: And yet, in Anſwer to our Meſſage of Yeſterday, requeſting his final Reſolution, he is only pleaſed to ſay, that he is ſurprized at ſuch a Meſſage, having told us, in his ſaid Meſſage of the Fourteenth, that he adhered to his Amendments.——We cannot ſee the Reaſons of the Governor's Surprize on this Occaſion, ſince from all that had paſſed between us, and eſpecially as he had not then ſent down our Bill, we think the Governor could not but expect ſuch a Meſſage from us.

The Governor thought fit in his Meſſage of the Sixteenth to acquaint us, "That he would readily paſs a Bill for ſtriking any Sum in Paper "Money the preſent Exigency may require, provided Funds are eſta-"bliſhed for ſinking the ſame in Five Years."

But as we have no Funds capable of ſinking ſo great a Sum in Five Years, without the Aſſiſtance of an equitable Tax, to which the Governor would ſtill have his Objections in Favor of the Proprietary Eſtate; and the Propoſal of ſtriking Paper Money, might lead us again into many Diſputes, which we chooſe, by the Form of this Bill, to avoid, agreeable to the Governor's Advice in his Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion; we, in our Turn, ſhould be ſurprized to receive ſuch a Propoſal now from him,

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if we had the leaſt Reaſon to think he was ſincerely deſirous of having any Thing done for the Defence of the Province.

Being now convinced that no farther Benefit to the Country can ariſe from our continuing longer together at this Time; and being under a Neceſſity of meeting again in a few Weeks to ſettle the Accounts of the Year, we take Leave to acquaint the Governor, that we incline to adjourn this Day to the Fifteenth of September enſuing, if he hath no Objections to that Time."

Signed by Order of the Houſe:

Auguſt 22, 1755. ISAAC NORRIS, Speaker.

WILLIAMSBURG, September 19.

By an Expreſs from *Auguſta* we are aſſured, That about the laſt of *Auguſt*, Fifty *Indians*, ſuppoſed to be *Shanneeſe*, appeared on *Green Briar* River in that County, and that they killed and captivated Fifteen People, burnt Eleven Houſes, and drove off 500 Head of Cattle, Horſes *&c.* Several of the Inhabitants fled to a ſmall Fort, they had built in the Neighbourhood for their Security, and were there blocked up by the Enemy Four Days. As ſoon as Capt. *Lewis*, who was then on *Jackſon's* River, about 70 Miles off, had Intelligence of it, he marched with his Company to their Relief, but the *Indians* were gone off Two Days before he arrived.

Laſt *Saturday* the *Induſtry*, *Miller*, from *Cork*; and on *Sunday*, the *Nancy*, *Montgomery*, from *London*; with Arms and Cloathing for the Soldiers, and a large Quantity of Caſh, arrived at *Hampton*.

The *Pelham*, *Yuille*, for *London*; and the *Virginian*, *Sinclair*, for *Briſtol*; ſailed laſt *Sunday*, and the *Bolling*, *Douglaſs*, for *Glaſgow*; on *Monday*.

His Majeſty's Ship *Garland*, Capt. *Arbuthnot*, is returned from a Cruize.

By an Expreſs from *New-York*, we are aſſured of the Arrival of his Majeſty's Ship the *Sphinx*, on Board of whom is come Paſſenger, Sir *Charles Hardy*, Governor of *New York*.

Hanover, September 10, 1755.

SIR,

It is with Pleaſure I am able to preſent you with the following News, in the preſent *indolent*, tho' dangerous Condition of our Country. As others may, probably, be animated to follow a good Example; I hope you will think it worthy of a Place in your Gazette.

Your humble Servant,

John Todd.

ON Monday laſt in the Afternoon, marched from *Samuel Winſton's* in *Louiſa* County, near the Court-Houſe, for *Auguſta*, to join our Forces there; an Independent Company of Volunteers, under the Command of Capt. *Joſeph Fox*; conſiſting of Thirty odd in Number, and expected more to join them, on their Way to *Auguſta*.

They are a Company of briſk active Men, in high Spirits, fir'd with military Courage, and warmed with Reſentments againſt the Inſults and Barbarities committed by the Enemy, on the Frontier Inhabitants, *&c.* greatly deſirous of doing ſomething glorious for their King and Country.

They were well equip'd for War, having each a Muſket, and a Caſe of Piſtols, fixed to their Belts, and Weapons fit for a cloſe Engagement with the Enemy.

At the Requeſt of the Company, I preached to them a military Sermon, and they diſcovered much of the Temper and Behaviour of Chriſtian Soldiers, engaged in the beſt of Cauſes.

When the military Fire, which the God of Nature has put into the Breaſts of *Virginians*, ſhall be kindled into a proper Flame, under thoſe Regulations that Chriſtianity inſpires, and the Cauſe of Liberty and Proteſtantiſm require, at preſent; it is to be hoped, our Country will emerge from her Diſtreſs, occaſioned by the Inſults of *Rome*, and its inhuman Accomplices.

Extract of a Letter from Norfolk, dated September 15.

I have the Pleaſure to inform you, that the Inhabitants of this Borough, have raiſed by Subſcription a conſiderable Sum of Money, which is to be diſpoſed of for the Good of the preſent Expedition; by allowing every able-bodied Man, who ſhall enliſt, in this County, in his Majeſty's Service, under Col. *Waſhington*, Forty Shillings Bounty, over and above his Majeſty's Allowance: The Good Effects of which, we have already experienced; ſeveral having enliſted and received the Bounty.

Mr. *Bridges*, tho' a Stranger in the Country, deſerves particular Notice, for his Generoſity, in ſhewing his *Microcoſm* this Night for the Benefit of the Expedition; which will raiſe a conſiderable Sum, (as a great many Tickets are ſold on that Account) which Sum is to be equally divided amongſt thoſe who ſhall enliſt in Seven Days.

Virginia, ſſ.

By the Honorable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Eſq; His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*:

A PROCLAMATION,

For a FAST.

WHEREAS we have but too much Reaſon to fear, that our Sins have juſtly provoked the Almighty to ſend down upon us his heavy Judgements of War and Famine; and as national Repentance is the only Remedy for national Guilt, I have therefore thought fit to iſſue this Proclamation, appointing *Wedneſday* the 24th of *September* to be religiouſly and devoutly obſerved, as a *GENERAL FAST*, for the ſolemn and public Humiliation of ourſelves before Almighty GOD, in Order to ſupplicate His divine Majeſty for the Pardon of our Sins, for averting thoſe heavy Judgments, and more particularly for the Preſervation of us from the Hands of our Enemies.

AND I hereby ſtrictly charge and require, that in all Churches, where the Miniſters can poſſibly attend, divine Service be performed, and a Sermon be preached ſuitable to the Occaſion; and that on ſome preceding *Sunday* they give Notice of the ſaid *FAST*, and exhort their ſeveral Congregations to a devout and religious Obſervation of it.

GIVEN under my Hand, at *Williamſburg*, this 28th Day of *Auguſt*, in the 29th Year of His Majeſty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, 1755.

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

GOD Save the KING.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEREAS many of the Soldiers have deſerted and carried with them the Public Arms, ſome of which they have ſold to the Inhabitants of this Colony, as they travelled through the Country; this is to give Notice, that unleſs ſuch Perſons as have purchaſed the ſame, do immediately deliver them up to the commanding Officers of he County where they reſide, Suits will be brought without Delay for the Recovery of them; and all the Officers in the ſeveral Counties are deſired to make Enquiry about them, and to ſend with all poſſible Diſpatch ſuch as ſhall come to their Hands, to the commanding Officer of the next County, in the Way to *Winchester*, *Frederickſburg*, or *Alexandria*, and ſo from one to another, 'til they arrive at *Wincheſter*, *Frederickſburg*, or *Alexandria* aforeſaid.

Notice is alſo given to all Soldiers who have deſerted, That if they will return to their Duty at *Winchester*, *Frederickſburg*, or *Alexandria*, by the 20th Day of *September*, they ſhall be received without any Puniſhment; if they don't, there will be the ſtricteſt Search made for them, and Proſecutions carried on againſt them, for the Offences of Deſertion and ſtealing the Arms aforeſaid, according to Law.

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

Williamſburg, September 16, 1755.

THE Subſcriber intending for *Great-Britain* ſoon, gives this public Notice to all Perſons that are indebted to him, to pay off their Accounts as ſoon as poſſible, as there are ſome ſtanding open theſe Twelve Months and more, muſt inſiſt on their being paid by the 20th of *October* next, or otherwiſe, they may depend on being ſued without further Notice; likewiſe will diſpoſe of the Goods now on Hand, for a low Advance, for ready Money or ſhort Credit. 4 *John Carter.*

Peterſburg, September 12, 1755.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, on *Sunday* the 7th Inſtant, an *Iriſh* Convict Servant Woman, named *Margaret Connel*, alias *Sullivane*, between Forty and Fifty Years of Age, has a down Look, and ſpeaks much on the Brogue; had on when ſhe went away, a check'd Stuff Gown, and carried with her a white and check'd Apron, with ſundry other Cloaths. Whoever takes her up is deſired to put her into a Conſtable's Hands, that ſhe may be dealt with as the Law directs, until ſhe be brought to 2‖ *Richard Taylor.*

A YOUNG Man who can teach Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, that will come well recommended, will meet with Encouragement by applying to

Philip Grymes.

To be SOLD,

ON *Thurſday* the 2d Day of *October* next, being the Day after *Charles-City* Court: At the Store-Houſe of *James Binford*, in the ſaid County, the Remains of his Store, amounting to about One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling, either by Wholeſale or in Lots. Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaſer giving Bond and Security.

James Binford.

N. B. The Sale to begin at Ten o'Clock. 1‖

Cheſterfield ſſ.

THERE is now in the Goal of this County, a likely young Negroe Fellow, named *Jemmy*, about 5 Feet 9 Inches high, who ſays he belongs to *John Hill*, of the Iſland of *Jamaica*, and that he was brought into *Maryland* by one *Luke Davis*: He has on a check'd Shirt, a Cotton Waſtecoat, and a Pair of Crocus Trouſers; he has with him a Pair of Oznabrig Trouſers made after the Sailor's Faſhion. The Owner may have him, on proving his Property and paying Charges as the Law directs.

3‖ *Richard Royall*, Sheriff.

To be SOLD,

BEFORE Mr. *Finnie's* Door, on the 23d Day of *October* next, Two Lots of Ground, ſituate on the Back Street, near Col. *Chriſtian's* in *Williamſburg*, on which there is a good Dwelling Houſe, containing Six Rooms and Cloſets, a good dry Cellar, with all convenient Out-Houſes, and a good Well: Twelve Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaſer giving Bond and Security. At the ſame Time and Place will be ſold, for Bills of Exchange or ready Money, Two Negroes, bred to the Buſineſs of a Cabinet-maker; likewiſe will be ſold, at the Subſcriber's Shop near the Church, ſundry Pieces of Cabinet Work, of Mahogeny and Walnut, conſiſting of Deſks, Book-Caſes, Tables of various Sorts, Tools, and ſome Materials. Six Months Credit will be given to thoſe that purchaſe above the Value of Fifty Shillings, on their giving Bond and Security; and Five *per Cent.* will be allowed for ready Money.

And as I intend to go for *Great-Britain* the latter End of next Month, therefore, I deſire all Perſons indebted to me, to make ſpeedy Payment, otherwiſe they may expect Trouble without further Notice. *Peter Scott.*

To be SOLD, on reaſonable Terms,

A VERY good Dwelling Houſe, with all convenient Out-Houſes, and Four Lots; Credit will be given according to Agreement: Alſo a fine large Houſe, to be rented by the Year or leas'd, very convenient for Trade, ſituate on the Second Street in *York* Town: Terms may be known by applying to the Subſcriber on the Premiſſes.

The Subſcriber is in Want of a Plantation, that is to be leaſed for Three or Four Years, ſituated near *James* or *York* River, with Houſes and Land ſufficient for a Family and Three or Four Hands. *Reginald Orton.*

To be SOLD, by Way of public Auction, at Richmond, *on* Monday *the 6th of* October *next, being* Henrico *Court Day.*

THREE *Virginia*-born Slaves, various Sorts of Houſhold and Kitchen Furniture, likewiſe Horſes, Hogs, and Cattle, *&c.* Credit will be given till the firſt of *April* next, on giving Security, as uſual.

2 *Giles Letcher.*

ALL Perſons indebted to the Store lately kept by *Robert Miller*, in *Williamſburg*, are deſired to pay their ſeveral Ballances, to Mr. *James Anderſon*, at Mr. *Cocke's* Store, in this Town, before the laſt of *October*, or they may depend on being ſued for the ſame. 2 *Francis Miller.*

To be SOLD, on the Second Tueſday *in* October *next, at* Prince-George *Court-Houſe.*

TEN choice Slaves, moſt of them *Virginia* born: Credit will be given till the Second *Tueſday* in *December* next, the Purchaſer giving Bond and Security. And on *Wedneſday* following, will be ſold at the ſame Place, Nineteen Acres of Land, adjoining the Town of *Blandford*, pleaſantly ſituated for carrying on Buſineſs of any Kind. Whoever pays ready Money or Tobacco, ſhall have Five *per Cent.* Diſcount. Any Perſon that choſes to make a Purchaſe of the ſaid Land or any of the Slaves, before the Day of Sale, may know the Terms, by applying to 2 *John Hood.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Preſident and Burſar of *William & Mary* College, cannot comply with their Advertiſement of *September* the Third, by Reaſon of the Preſident's Death.

STRAYED

STRAYED from Mr. *Finnie's* Paſture, on *Monday* the firſt of *September*, a large Cheſnut color'd Mare, with a long Blaze on her Fore-head, a ſhort Switch Tail, and branded on the near Buttock G S. Whoever conveys her to me, in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have Half a Piſtole Reward.

Alexander Finnie.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, at his Ferry, in *King & Queen* County, a Roan Horſe, branded on the off Buttock with Three Dots: He has been poſted and appraiſed at Five Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

Robert Dudley.

TAKEN up the Subſcriber, living in *Lunenburg* County, a Bay Mare, with a Star in her Fore-head, a large Snip on her Noſe, a hanging Mane, and a black Liſt along her Back, her near hind Foot white, and branded on the near Buttock nearly thus *TG*: She has been poſted and appraiſed at Three Pounds Ten Shillings. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

John Waller.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Lunenburg* County; an Iron-grey Horſe, with a Sprig Tail, and branded on the near Shoulder T: He has been appraiſed at Five Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, paying as the Law directs.

John Waller.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on *Louſe*-Creek, in *Lunenburg* County; a ſmall dapple-grey Horſe, 4 Feet 3 Inches high, with two Glaſs Eyes, his Feet, Mane, and Tail white, and a ſmall Bell tied with a Bear-Skin Strap, about Seven Years old, and branded on the near Buttock thus : : ; he has been appraiſed at three Pounds. Whoever proves his Property, may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

Francis Mann.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on *Loure*-Creek, in *Lunenburg* County; a dark Bay Horſe, with a Star on his Fore-head, a Snip on his Noſe, three white Feet, a ſmall Crop and Under-Keel in the Left Ear, branded on the near Buttock thus (I), about Ten Years old. Any Perſon proving his Property, may have him, on paying as the Law directs.

James Barton.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, in *Lunenburg* County, a young Sorrel Mare, with a Blaze down her Face, ſome White on her Noſe and under Lip, with two white Feet; nither dock'd nor branded, about two or three Years old. Any Perſon on proving his Property may have her, paying as the Law directs.

John Macneeſe.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *Cub*-Creek Bridge, a Sorrel Horſe, with a large Blaze down his Face, about 6 Years old, branded on the near Shoulder and near Buttock, G or D, with a ſmall Bell marked D. Whoever claims the ſaid Horſe, mayhave him, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

William Caldwell.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living on the Head of *Weakway* Creek, in *Brunſwick* County, a ſmall grey Horſe, branded on the near Buttock IC, his Face and hind Legs are of a lighter Color than his other Parts. The Owner may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

Richard Willis.

To be SOLD, to the higheſt Bidder, at the Door of the Raleigh *Tavern in* Williamſburg, *on* Friday *the 24th of* October *next.*

A VALUABLE Tract of Land, formerly belonging to Capt. *William Clinch*, containing 5300 Acres, lying on *Whipping* Creek, in the County of *Bedford*, great Part of which is very rich, much freer from Stones and more level than is common for high Lands; it is well watered and timbered, and an extraordinary good Range for Cattel &c. there being many large Meadows adjoining: There is on it Two ſmall Plantations, about 100 Miles from *Warwick* and *Bolling*'s and a Cart-road to each. The Purchaſer to be allowed Six Months Credit, and may enter on the Premiſes immediately.

John Ruffin.

N. B. There is alſo at the ſame Time to be ſold, 50 or 60 Head of Cattle belonging to the ſaid Plantations.

SCHEME of a LOTTERY,

FOR raiſing the Sum of £. 6875, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Incroachments of the *French*, in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 9th Day of *July* laſt.

This LOTTERY conſiſts of 25,000 Tickets at 21 *s.* 6 *d.* each, 2050 of which are Prizes, of the following Value:

Number of Prizes.		*Value in Current Money.*	*Total Value.*
1	of	£. 2000	£. 2000
1	of	1000	1000
4	of	500	2000
5	of	200	1000
6	of	150	900
8	of	100	800
15	of	50	750
50	of	20	1000
150	of	10	1500
1810	of	5	9050
2050 Prizes, 22950 Blanks.		amounting to	£. 20000 Total Value.

25000 Piſtoles, at 21 *s.* 6 *d.* each, is £. 26875
To be paid in Prizes, 20000

£. 6875 to be applied to the particular Purpoſes by the ſaid Act directed, for the Protection of the Country.

If 20,000 Tickets are diſpoſed of by the 11th Day of *December* next, the drawing of the Lottery will then begin at the *Capitol*, in *Williamſburg*; and the Tickets remaining unſold will be drawn on Account, and for the Benefit, of the Country; but if there ſhould be more than 5000 Tickets remaining unſold on that Day, then the drawing of the ſaid Lottery is to be put off 'til the 6th Day of *May* next.

As ſoon as the Drawing is finiſhed, the Prizes will be publiſhed in the *Gazette*, and the Money paid to the Poſſeſſors of fortunate Tickets, if demanded in Six Months after: But the Prizes, not demanded in that Time, will be deemed as generouſly given for the Uſe of the Country, and be applied accordingly.

The Perſons following are appointed Managers of this Lottery, *viz. John Robinſon, Charles Carter, Peyton Randolph*, Eſqrs. and *Landon Carter, Carter Burwell, Benjamin Waller*, and *James Power*, Gentlemen, who have given Bond and Security, and are on Oath, for the faithful Performance of their Truſt.

TICKETS are to be ſold by the ſaid Managers, at their reſpective Dwellings.

Juſt imported from LONDON, *and to be ſold in* RICHMOND,

SARSAPARILLA and China Root, Turkey and China Rhubarb, Camphire, Epſom and Glauber Salts, Pill e duobus, and Pill Cochiæ M. Succotrine Aloes, and Borax; Mercury, Antimony and Jeſuits Bark, Sperma Ceti, Spirit and Oil of Turpentine, Aquafortis, Flake Manna, Hartſhorn Shavings, Sena, Gold-beater's Skin, Gold and Silver Leaf, Flower of Brimſtone, white and brown Sugar Candy, Lunar Cauſtic, Gum, Myrrh, Galbanum, Aſſa fœtida, Elimi, Balſam, Peruvian, Tolo, Capivi, Senna, Opium, Cremor Tartar, Guaiacum, Liquorice Ball, Weſt-India Tamarinds, Squire's and Daffey's Elixirs, Anderſon's and Lockyer's Pills, Britiſh Oil, Bateman's Drops, and Turlington's Balſam of Life. Alſo ſeveral Materials for Painting, *viz.* Red Lead, Vermillion, Verdigreaſe, Linſeed Oil in Carboys, and Sweet-Oil in Flaſks, with ſundry other Medicines.

To be had at the ſame Place,

WILLS's UNIVERSAL DROPS, for the FLUX.

THE Preparation of this Medicine was communicated to me, by a *Mahometan* Doctor, in the *Eaſt-Indies*, where it's wonderful Efficacy is well known: I have adminiſtred it in different Climates, eſpecially in this Colony, with great Succeſs; it gives the Patient immediate Eaſe, and cauſes to ceaſe racking and griping Pains in the Inteſtines, often going to Stool, inward and ſlow Fevers, a Burning at the Stomach; it promotes natural Reſt, and ſlackens Thirſt by Degrees, and many other Symptoms that attend this Malady, during the Cure.

Above one hundred Perſons, near this Place, have been perfectly cured by this Medicine, and two other ſimple Medicines, which will be given with the above.

The Bottle is 10 *s.* 9 *d.* with printed Directions; and a Liſt of Perſons cured may be ſeen at my Houſe.

Alſo *WILLS*'s Original EYE-WATER, Price 5 *s.* 9 *d.* 6

To be SOLD, the firſt Day of October *Fair next, at* Fredericksburg,

A Valuable Tract of Land, purſuant to the laſt Will and Teſtament of *William Woodford*, Gent. deceas'd, containing 1620 Acres, more or leſs, lying on *Naſſiponix* Run, within ſix Miles of the Town of *Fredericksburg*. As alſo the Negroes and Stock thereon, to the higheſt Bidder, for current Money, on ſix Months Credit, giving Bond and Security, as uſual, to the

EXECUTORS.

N. B. The Negroes and Stock will be ſold, with or without the Land, as can be agreed, on the Day of Sale 4

To be Lett, or Sold, and Entered into immediately,

THE Brick Ordinary, in *Newcaſtle* Town, where Mr. *Richard Dobſon* now lives. The Terms may be known by applying to

William Taylor.

Louiſa County, *June* 25, 1755.

IMported in the Ship *Eſther & Mary*, Capt. *Robert Whiting*, laſt Spring, the following Parcels of Goods, *viz.* a Cask with Nails, No. 1. a Bale with Cotton and Oznabrigs, No. 2. a Caſe with a Watering Pot, a Horſemans Coat, and a Pair of Garden Sheers, No. 3. a Box with Pipes, No. 4. mark'd I C with Figure 4 and Crows Foot; which ſaid Goods are ſuppoſed to be landed in ſome diſtant Part of the Country, as I could never gain any Intelligence of them; therefore I take this Method to deſire ſuch Perſon, or Perſons, as may have them in their Poſſeſſion, to give me Notice where I may have them, and the Favor ſhall be gratefully acknowledged, by

t. f. Their humble Servant,

John Carr.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living in *Gloceſter* County, near the Court-Houſe, on the 4th Day of *July* laſt, a large white Horſe, near 14 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock RB, undock'd, he trots and gallops, and appears to be about 12 Years old, and has been appraiſed at Five Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, on paying as the Law directs.

William Rowe, Jun.

TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, in *King & Queen* County, a middle-ſiz'd Bay Horſe, with a bob'd Tail, ſhort Mane, and branded on the near Buttock I S. He has been poſted and appraiſed at Four Pounds. The Owner may have him of me, paying as the Law directs.

John Strachey.

To be SOLD, at the Printing-Office, *in* Williamſburg, *very cheap, for ready Money,*

SUNDRY Sets of Surveying Inſtruments, with Chains, Protractors, &c. with Caſes of Inſtruments for protracting, Braſs Land Quadrants, &c.

To be SOLD, by the Subſcribers, by Virtue of Powers of Attorney, from William M'Redie, *Brother and Heir at Law to* Thomas M'Redie *of* Fredericksburg, *Merchant, deceas'd, and* Thomas M'Redie, *Father of the ſaid* Thomas,

A Plantation in *Auguſta* County, on *Shenandoe* River, containing 450 Acres more or leſs, 100 of which are extraordinary rich low Grounds; as alſo, Ten choice working Slaves, with Hogs, Horſes, and Cattle. The Premiſſes may be entered upon, and enjoyed, at any Time after the Sale. Whoever has a Mind to purchaſe, may apply to us and know the Terms.

t. f. *John Mitchell, William Cuningham.*

To be SOLD, in Prince-George *County,*

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of Land, containing both valuable high and low Grounds, affords good Water, good Paſturage, and is well timber'd with large Oak, Pine and Poplar, whereon are three good Plantations, in good Order for Cropping; and the Manor Plantation is a very handſome Situation, with the following Conveniencies, *viz.* One Dwelling-Houſe 32 by 25, containing 4 Rooms and 4 Cloſets, with 2 Brick Chimneys, plaiſter'd and white-waſh'd; alſo another Dwelling-Houſe 38 by 18, with a Stack of Chimneys in the Middle, 2 Rooms on a Floor, and a large Cloſet, plaiſter'd and white-waſh'd, a good Dairy, Meat-Houſe, Smoak-Houſe, Kitchen, Quarter, Spinning-Houſe with a Brick Chimney, one 40 and one 32 Feet Tobacco-Houſes, a large well-fixed Store, with ſeveral other convenient Houſes and Orchards; and on each of the other Plantations are two 32 Feet Tobacco-Houſes, an Overſeer's-Houſe, and Negroe Quarters, likewiſe Orchards, and good Water. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the Terms, by applying to *Charles Turnbull* at *Peterſburg*, *John Hyndman* at *Smithfield*, or *William Stevenſon* at *York*.

t. f.

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